

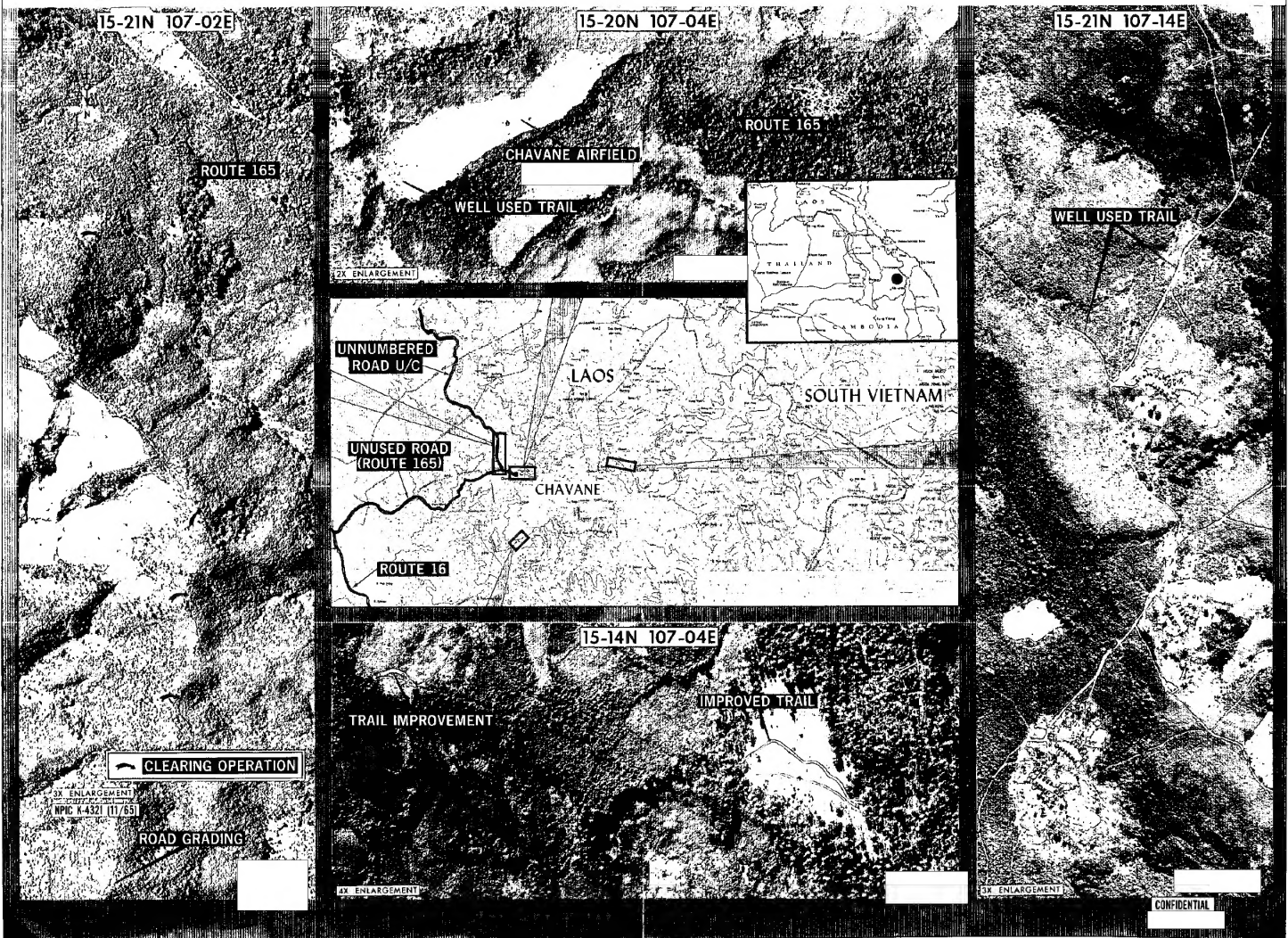
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COPY 3 OF 10ROAD AND TRAIL ACTIVITY
CHAVANE AREA, LAOS

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS K-4041 AND K-4171)

1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT ROUTE 165 IS A MOTORABLE ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 16 ON THE WEST, THROUGH CHAVANE, AND EASTWARD TO WITHIN APPROXIMATELY TWELVE MILES OF ROUTE 14 IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND TRAIL ACTIVITY IN THE CHAVANE AREA OF THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE. FOUR AREAS OF INTEREST ARE DEPICTED ON THIS GRAPHIC.

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THE FIRST AREA IS THE SOUTHERN-MOST SEGMENT OF AN UNNUMBERED ROAD WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 923 (1550N 10648E) TO THE JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 165 (1521N 10702E) TWO NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF CHAVANE. PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS GRADING AND CLEARING OPERATIONS ALONG THE PROBABLE ALIGNMENT. NO TRACK ACTIVITY IS NOTED ALONG ROUTE 165 AT THE JUNCTION WITH THE NEW ROAD.

THE SECOND AREA OF INTEREST IS WHERE ROUTE 165 CROSSES CHAVANE AIRFIELD [REDACTED] AT 1520N 10704E AND EXTENDS IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. A WELL USED TRAIL EXTENDS SOUTH

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FROM ROUTE 165. NEITHER THE TRAIL NOR ROUTE 165 IS CONSIDERED MOTORABLE AT THIS POINT.

THE THIRD AREA IS A POSSIBLE SEGMENT OF ROUTE 165, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TEN NM EAST OF CHAVANE AT 1521N 10714E. PRESENT ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY INDICATES THAT ROUTE 165 IS NOT RECOGNIZABLE AS A CONTINUOUS ROAD OR TRAIL FROM CHAVANE TO THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER, AND THE TRAIL SYSTEM IN THIS AREA IS CONSIDERED NON-MOTORABLE.

THE FOURTH AREA OF INTEREST IS EVIDENCE OF TRAIL IMPROVEMENT AND A SECTION OF AN IMPROVED TRAIL AT 1514N 10704E, APPROXIMATELY SIX NM SOUTH OF CHAVANE AIRFIELD.

3. THE ACTIVITY DEPICTED SHOWS THE SOUTHERN SEGMENT OF AN UNNUMBERED ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION LEADING TO THE CHAVANE AREA, AND THE TRAIL SYSTEM THAT EXTENDS EASTWARD TO THE SOUTH VIETNAM PROVINCES OF KONTUM, QUANG TIN, AND QUANG NAM.

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